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1. Obama Confident in Europe's Economic Recovery

Countries in the eurozone have the resources to solve their collective currency and debt crisis, and President Obama says their leaders “understand the stakes” and “why it’s important for them to take bold and decisive action.”

2. Rio Talks Achieve Step Forward, U.S. Negotiator Says

International negotiators have produced an agreement on sustainable economic development that will produce some progress toward achieving goals to preserve resources for the future. National leaders are set to vote on the declaration in Rio de Janeiro June 22.

3. Obama's Health Care Law Survives Supreme Court Review

In the most eagerly anticipated decision of its 2011–2012 session, the Supreme Court of the United States upholds most of the 2010 health care law championed by the Obama administration.

4. Federalism at Heart of Supreme Court Ruling on Immigration Law

The U.S. Supreme Court strikes down provisions of a controversial state law, finding that they addressed areas that the U.S. Constitution reserved to the federal government.

5. ESPN Joins State Department to Empower Girls Through Sports

The State Department and ESPN partner to empower women and girls through sports.

6. NASA Adjusts Course of Mars-Bound Craft as Landing Date Nears

A course adjustment puts a NASA spacecraft on a better track to land on the surface of Mars in early August. The surface rover aboard the craft will be looking for signs of an historic environment that might have supported life.

In Case You Missed It:

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[Ambassador Celebrates Independence Day](#)

Ambassador Wohlers: "Ours is not a friendship of convenience. We are proud of the partnership we have enjoyed with Macedonia since its independence, and we look forward to seeing what you will achieve AFTER you've taken your deserved seat at the table as a full and welcome member of the Euro-Atlantic community." ...



[U.S. Becomes a Decade of Roma Inclusion Observer](#)

On June 26, Chargé d'Affaires Brian Aggeler delivered remarks at the 22nd International Steering Committee Meeting of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, at which the United States became a new Decade observer. ...

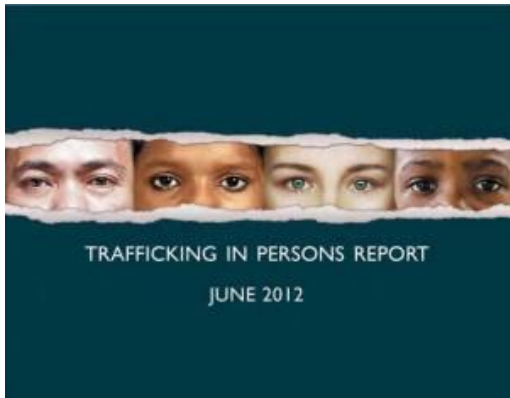
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[Embassy shows movie on LGBT human rights movement](#)

Yesterday the Embassy hosted a reception for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) related community, featuring the documentary Stonewall Uprising. ...

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[Trafficking in Persons Report 2012 \(pdf 100kb\)](#)

Secretary Clinton (June 19): "This report ... gives a clear and honest assessment of where all of us are making progress on our commitments and where we are either standing still or even sliding backwards."

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"Respecting Red Lines" Workshop

On Tuesday, Chargé Aggeler opened a two-day workshop for journalists and prosecutors aimed at helping them to better understand the professional and privacy considerations inherent in their respective work. ... [photo gallery »](#)



Macedonia Ranked Tier One in TIP Report

Macedonia was again ranked Tier One in the Trafficking in Persons report, making it a regional leader in the Balkans. On June 20, Chargé d'Affaires Aggeler met with Minister of Interior Jankuloska who noted that focusing on last year's recommendations... [Story »](#)



Ambassador Wohlers Hosts Alumni Reunion

Over 200 alumni of U.S. Government exchange programs gathered on Wednesday evening in the Chancery's atrium for an Alumni Reunion reception. Guests ranged from recently returned high school students from last year's Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program, to ... [Photo Gallery »](#)



American Quality Schools International Buys New Building

Chargé D'Affaires Brian Aggeler visited the Karpos Municipal Building today to witness Karpos Mayor Stevce Jakimovski and Quality Schools International – Skopje Director Bob Tower sign a \$3.5 million sales agreement. QSI bought the building, a former school campus, to be its new Skopje location. In his comments, the Chargé cited the benefits to QSI's student and teachers, the U.S. Embassy, Karpos and Macedonia at large, noting that, in cities where excellent international education is available, foreign investors follow. QSI will take possession of the building after some remodeling in January 2013. [photo gallery »](#)



[Ambassador Wohlers Attends Mock Trial](#)

On Tuesday, June 12th, Ambassador Wohlers attended the final mock trial for the "Zero Tolerance to School Violence" project at Primary Court 1 in Skopje. Twenty-seven students portrayed public prosecutors, ... [photo gallery »](#)



[Ambassador at Tetovo Sports and Cultural Events](#)

On June 8, Ambassador Wohlers, President Ivanov and Tetovo Mayor Bexheti were greeted by over 300 children from 6 different municipalities of Macedonia. They visited the Painted Mosque, and enjoyed watching the children play football in the Tetovo city square. Both the sports ... [photo gallery »](#)



[14,400 books donated to Macedonia](#)

On May 31, Ambassador Wohlers helped to distribute books at a book donation event arranged by US Fulbrighter Jen Birdsall and AC in Tetovo. Hundreds of children as well as teachers, and officials were on hand to receive some 14,400 books donated to Macedonia by families of Lincoln, Nebraska. [photo gallery »](#)



[Open Media Event with Ambassador Wohlers](#)

Ambassador Wohlers held an open media event on May 30 to discuss the Chicago Summit and address any other topics of interests. The Ambassador noted that the Summit should not be characterized as a setback in any way, because the issue of enlargement simply was not on .. [more. »](#)



[Ambassador Meets with Scholarship Winners](#)

Ambassador Wohlers and Minister of Education and Science Pance Kralev, met with four Macedonian students selected to receive scholarships to attend a prestigious summer program at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. The four will ..

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